

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 41

By Bell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Englewood School and its administration, faculty, staff, and student body on the occasion of the school's 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary educational institutions that have made significant contributions, through an abiding commitment to excellence, to their respective communities and this State; and

WHEREAS, Englewood School is most assuredly one such noteworthy institution that has provided educational opportunities to the students of rural McMinn County for the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, located in Englewood at the foot of Starr Mountain, Englewood School was founded in 1906, the first public school for the students of the Town of Englewood; and

WHEREAS, the original school building burned in 1924, and classes were subsequently held in local churches and other available locations for a year until the new school was completed in 1925; and

WHEREAS, constructed in the Colonial Revival style with "Schoolhouse Red" brick, the new school offered first through twelfth grades and focused its curriculum on reading, writing, and arithmetic; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the beloved school burned again in 1963, and students were once again transported to surrounding community facilities to attend classes; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Englewood School once again opened its doors to the community's students; throughout the past thirty years, the 1960s-style school building has been updated as new needs, such as technology services, have arisen. In 2005, the gym was refurbished, and a new section of ten classrooms was added to the school; and

WHEREAS, also in 2005, the School was among the first in the State to be awarded a pre-kindergarten class through Governor Bredesen's primary school initiative. Today, Englewood School educates approximately 700 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grades; and

WHEREAS, as Englewood School surpasses its 100th birthday, it continues to meet the educational needs and concerns of the twenty-first century; along with a continuum of past traditions and achievements, promoting academic excellence remains the school's top priority; and

WHEREAS, through the steadfast support of Englewood and McMinn County, Englewood School continues to be a bastion of excellence in academics and life, molding young minds into the scholars and leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in recognition and celebration of the 100th anniversary of Englewood School; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate the administration, faculty, staff, and student body of Englewood School on the occasion of the School's 100th anniversary and extend to them our warmest wishes for continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.